WALLOWA-WHITMAN NATIONAL FOREST

Forest Order 2016-0616-Whitman-05

Fire Closure

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MALHEUR NATIONAL FOREST

Pursuant to 36 CFR, Sec. 261.50(a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited in the area described in this order within the Whitman Ranger District of the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest and portions of the Malheur National Forest from September 1, 2016 to September 30, 2016 unless rescinded or superseded.

1. It is prohibited for any person to be on any road, trail or in the area described in Appendix A of this order. **36 CFR 261.53(e).**

Pursuant to 36 CFR, Sec. 261.50 (e), the following persons are exempt from this order:

(1.) Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the prohibited act or omission.

(2.) Any Federal, State or local law enforcement officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.

These prohibitions are in addition to the general prohibitions in 36 CFR Part 261, Subpart A.

This order supersedes Order No. 2016-0616-Whitman-04 dated August 30, 2016.

Done at Baker City, Oregon, this _1___of September 2016

/s/Thomas Montoya
THOMAS MONTOYA
Forest Supervisor
Wallowa-Whitman National Forest

/s/*Steven K. Beverlin*
STEVEN K. BEVERLIN
Forest Supervisor
Malheur National Forest

Violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than $5000 for an individual or $10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or both. (16 U.S.C. 551 and 18 U.S.C. 3559 and 3571)

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Appendix A -Restricted Area Described:

Area closure description:

Beginning on Road 12 at Forest Boundary proceeding northwesterly on Road 12 to junction with Road 1220,
thence westerly on Road 1220 to junction with Road 1210,
thence proceeding westerly on Road 1210 to the junction with Road 2645 at the County Line,
thence westerly on the County Line to Road 2652,
thence proceeding southerly on Road 2652 to junction with Road 2652 600,
thence southwesterly to junction with Road 1300 268,
thence southwesterly on Road 268 to junction with Road 13,
thence southerly on road 13 to junction with road 16,
thence easterly along north edge of road 16 to junction with Road 1680,
thence northeasterly on Road 1680 to Section line between Sections 16, 17 T14S, R37E,
thence north on Section line between Sections 16,17 and Sections 8,9 to boundary of private land in Section 8,
thence northwesterly along private land to Forest Boundary,
thence northwesterly on Forest Boundary to point of beginning.

Roads Closed on the Malheur National Forest leading into the Area Closure

FS Road 1370 @ jct. of FS Road 430	44°18.837’ / 118°22.265’
FS Road 1300 268 @ jct. of FS Road 13	44°21.262’ / 118°26.123’
FS Road 1344 @ jct. of FS Road 219	44°23.423’ / 118°29.207’
FS Road 026 @ jct. FS Road 157	44°27.042’ / 118°28.110’
FS Road 036 @ jct. FS Road 047	44°27.153’ / 118°27.200’
FS Road 101 @ jct. FS Road 2635	44° 26.574'/118° 25.753'
Roads Closed on the Malheur National Forest Adjacent to the Area Closure	
FS Road 2652 @ jct. FS Road 2640 to jct. FS Road 600	44° 27.522'/118° 24.127' 44° 22.419'/118° 24.848'
FS Road 1600 @ jct. FS Road 1300 to jct. FS Road 1680	44°15.936’ / 118°23.824’ 44°17.395’ / 118°13.297’

Statement of Need:
This closure is necessary to provide forest visitors protection from the current hazardous conditions associated with the current fire situation on the Whitman Ranger District. The Rail Fire is actively burning currently.

Enforcement Procedures:

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Enforcement will be conducted by FPOs, LEOs and SAs. Discretion will be used in the first couple of days after enacting the order and the preferred method of compliance will be a warning since the goal is to clear the area and protect the public.

Posting:

Posting shall be done by the forest staff or fire personnel assigned to the fire. Posting should be made at all major access point to the area. Posting will also be done at the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest Supervisor's office in Baker City, OR.

Enforcement Plan

Action	Responsible Official	Date
Prepare proposed order	Appropriate Staff with LEI input	9/01/2016
Review proposed order	Patrol Captain	9/01/2016
Approve proposed order	Forest Supervisor	
Post order in accordance with 36 CFR 261.51	District Staff Officer and Staff	
Prepare news release for local media describing the order and management objectives	District Ranger PAO, LEO	n/a

Enforcement Plan approved for implementation:

Thomas Montoya	*Steven K. Beverlin*	*Robert Field*
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Forest Supervisor	Forest Supervisor	Patrol Captain

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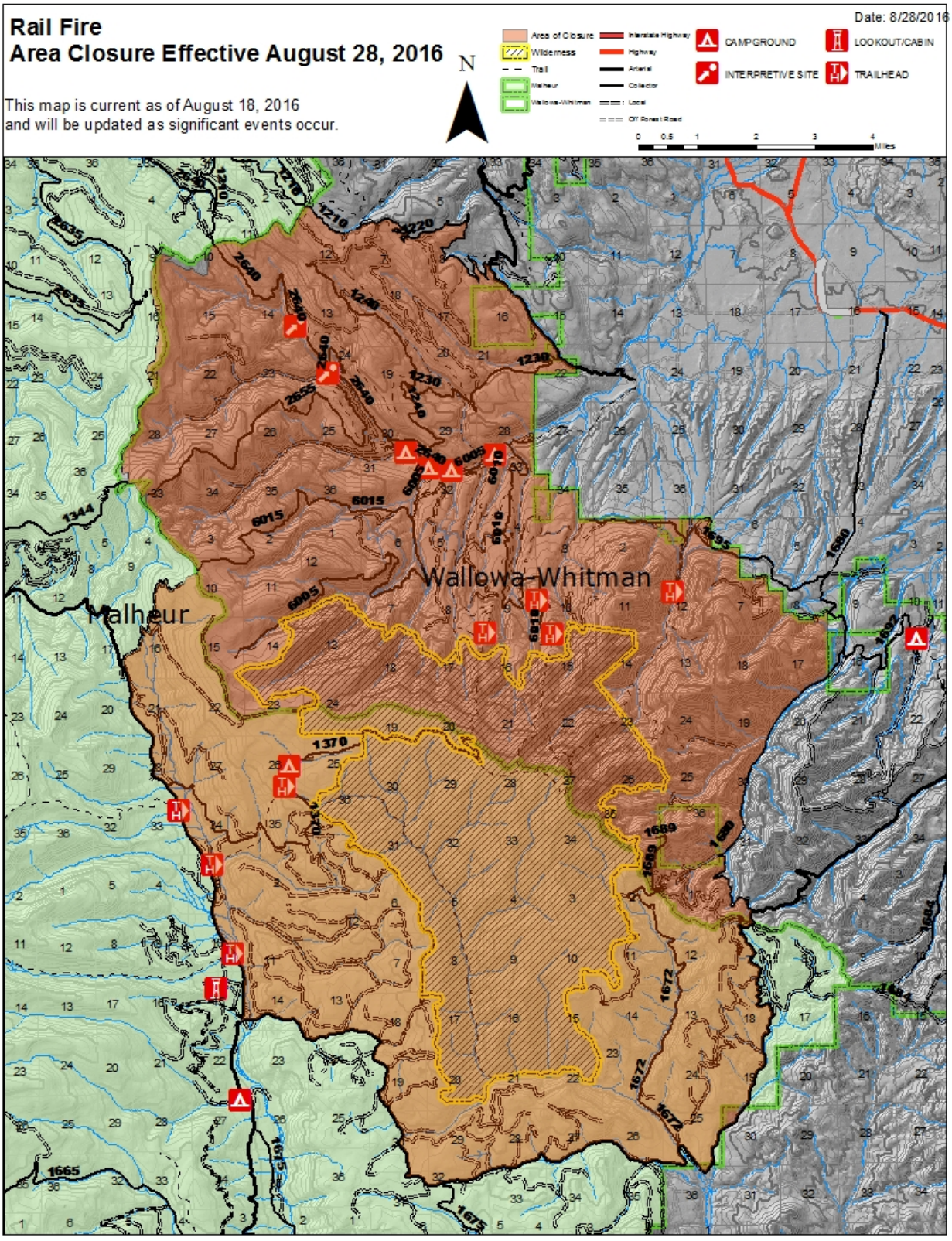
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